



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Hisao YASUHARA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1745

Application No.: 09/865,468

Examiner: G. Cantelmo

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Docket No.: 109375

For: METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR PRETREATMENT OF METAL SAMPLES

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT**  
**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121**

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Sir:

In reply to the attached October 6, 2003 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the following is submitted:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**